in order to protect consumer interests and if so ,the details of recommendations made therein; and

(b) whether Government are aware that one of the recommendation was that PFA work should be transferred to the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies which is also handling consumer protection and PDS throughout the country and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) A National Conference on Food Quality Assurance and Consumer Participation was organised on 27th and 28th October, 1988 at the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi. The Conference recommended the following:—

1. Strengthening of Administration of Food Laws.

2. Greater participation of consumers in the programme of implementation of food laws and other relevant legislation.

3. Effective Education and communication system for spreading consumer education.

4. Self-imposed discipline on the part of the food industry and trade.

5. Better coordination amongst different agencies implementing food quality assurance programme.

(b) No, Sir.

Adulteration of food

@2105. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered against food adulteration in the country, State-wise, during the last two years and

(b) the number of persons/convicted on charge of adulteration with details of punishment given to them, State-wise, during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) As per the information made available by various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, the number of prosecutions launched and the number of cases convicted under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 in the country (State-wise) for the years 1986 and 1987 is given in the statement annexed. *See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 95).

छोट किसानों और भूमिहीन श्रमिकों पर सूखे और बाढ़ का प्रभाव

†2106. **श्री विश्वासराव रामाराव पाटिल** : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कोई अनुमान लगाया है कि सूखे और बाढ़ के कारण कितने प्रतिशत छोटे किसानों और भूमिहीन श्रमिकों के गरीबी रेखा से नीचे जाने की संभावना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके निष्कर्ष क्या हैं; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या उपचारात्मक कदम उठाए हैं या उठाने का विचार रखती है?

योजना मंत्री तथा कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता।

@Previously Unstarred Question 933, transferred from the 18th November, 1988.

†पूर्वत: अतारांकित प्रश्न 943, 18 नवम्बर, 1988 से स्थानान्तरित।

(ग) सरकार ने सूखा प्रभावित तथा बाढ़ प्रभावित राज्यों को सहायता प्रदान की है। इस सहायता से कार्यक्रमों का कार्यान्वयन सम्भव हुआ है जिससे छोटे किसानों तथा भूमिहीन श्रमिकों को लाभ प्राप्त होता है।

Rate of Industrial Growth

@2107. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rates of industrial growth in the country during the last five years;

(b) whether any change has been made in the method of calculation of industrial growth; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The rates of growth of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) with 1980-81 as the base during the last five years are as under:

Year	Percentage growth over previous year
1983-84	6.7
1984-85	8.6
1985-86	8.7
1986-87	9.1
1987-88	7.6

@Previously Unstarrtd Question 1324, transferred from the 21st November, 1988.

(b) and (c) There has been no change either in the method of calculation of the IIP or in the method of calculation of its growth rate. However, with effect from April 1981, the base year of the IIP was shifted from 1970 to 1980-81 and the patern of weights was revised.

Setting up of a Joint Sector telecommunication Project

@@2108. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Rs. 2 crore joint sector telecommunication project in the country in colaboration with USA;

(b) if so, what are the details of that project; and

(c) by when that telecommunication project is likely to be set up by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC-ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Projects in the telecommunications area that are being implemented in the joint sector with an outlay of around Rs. 2.0 crores in colaboration with companies from USA are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) Foreign Collaborations have been approved by the Government and the concerned units are in the process of setting up projects.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1176, transferred from the 21st November, 1988.